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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 2268

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, AS, NZ, US, VS

SUBJECT: ALLEGED KILLING OF US SOLDIERS BY NEW ZEALANDERS

REFS: A. WELLINGTON 2239 B. WELLINGTON 2261 C. CANBERRA 4561

1. LT. GEN. WEBB, CHIEF NZ DEFENSE STAFF, INFORMED EMBOFF  
AS OF 1500 LOCAL JULY 18 THERE NO NEW INFORMATION REGARDING  
ALLEGED KILLINGS.

2. ACCORDING TO WEBB VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS, NONE OF WHOM HAS  
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF, HAVE ALLEGED THEY KNOW OF OR WERE  
INVOLVED IN WHAT ARE, IN EFFECT, FOUR DIFFERENT INCIDENTS.

THEY ARE:

A. REPORT THAT NZ TROOPS KILLED SIX AMERICANS (REFTEL A).

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B. TELEPHONE CALL FROM MELBOURNE IN WHICH INDIVIDUAL

IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS AUSTRALIAN ARMY CORPORAL  
WHO LED NZ TROOPS INVOLVED IN ABOVE INCIDENT.  
NZ INFORMANT DENIES HIS GROUP WAS LED BY  
AUSTRALIAN HENCE, POSSIBILITY OF THIS BEING A  
SECOND INCIDENT.

C) THIRD POSSIBILITY ARISES FROM ALLEGATION BY  
AUSTRALIAN WHO INDICATED AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS HAD  
KILLED US SOLDIERS IN SIMILAR INCIDENT.

D) FOURTH POSSIBLE INCIDENT STEMS FROM CALL FROM  
ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN WHO INDICATED HE WAS LEADING  
NZ SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN A) ABOVE. THIS CALLER  
PLACED INCIDENT IN MEKONG DELTA TWO YEARS  
EARLIER THAN ALLEGED IN FIRST REPORT.

3. ACCORDING TO WEBB ALL OF ABOVE WILL BE INVESTIGATED.  
GETTING FACTUAL INFORMATION OBVIOUSLY PROVING DIFFICULT.  
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS YET TO OBTAIN NAMES OF ANY NEW  
ZEALANDERS OR AUSTRALIANS WHO ALLEGE THEY WERE INVOLVED.  
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